



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Bell Huey II

FACT SHEET



Bell UH-1H helicopters are short-range, turbine-powered helicopters which fly with a crew of two (pilot and copilot). The medium-lift capability of the UH-1H supports agents in high-altitude and hot environments, such as the desert in the Southwest Border Regions, where pilots encounter extreme temperatures that may disrupt safe aircraft operation.

The Office of Air and Marine (OAM) is upgrading UH-1H utility helicopters to a Huey II configuration. The UH-1H is used by OAM to perform tactical and utility missions along the border such as aerial patrol and enforcement relocation. The helicopter's secondary mission is to provide external lift capability.

The Huey II upgrade dramatically increases mission capability, including increases in hover performance, gross weight, payload, and speed. The conversion also enables OAM to manage its component supply system more efficiently.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
130 knots (149 mph)
- **Service Ceiling**
16,100 feet
- **Range**
315 nautical miles (362 miles)
- **Endurance**
3 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
10,500 pounds

Features:

- Night vision goggle-compatible